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Applicants: Van Luchene *et al*.

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PAYMENT TO A SELLER

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Pursuant to the Following Submission of an

AMENDMENT and RESPONSE to the Final Office Action mailed on October 16, 2008

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 16, 2008 as Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20081013 (hereinafter the "Final Office Action"), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application. A status identifier is provided for every claim and the current text of every claim is presented, unless the claim has been cancelled or not entered. Current amendments to the claims are expressed in the detailed listing by strikethrough or double brackets (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).